

Application Serial No. 09/720,762

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Amendment and Response to Office Action Dated November 4, 2005

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gasket for a pre-filled syringe, the syringe comprising a barrel into which liquid is charged,

~~wherein the gasket is made integrally of a material with JIS hardness of 55 to 60,~~
~~and~~

wherein a peripheral side surface of the gasket that ~~is in~~ contacts with an inner surface of the syringe barrel is provided with a restriction, and wherein a periphery of a bottom surface of the gasket that is not for in contact with the liquid is formed into a tapered slant, and wherein ~~one or both of the peripheral side surface that is in~~ contacts with the an inner surface of the syringe barrel ~~and a surface of the gasket that is in contact with the liquid~~ is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin, and wherein the restriction is not laminated.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the tapered slant is defined by a first diameter extending to the peripheral side surface that ~~is in~~ contacts with the an inner surface of the syringe barrel, and a second diameter of a peripheral side surface of the gasket that is not for in contact with the inner surface of the syringe barrel, wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 0.5 mm and about 5 mm.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

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Claim 6 (currently amended): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket has a diameter between peripheral side surfaces that ~~are in~~ contact with the inner surface of the syringe barrel of between about 30 mm and about 35 mm.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket has a height of between 15 mm and about 18 mm.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 3, wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 1 mm and about 3 mm.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A gasket for a pre-filled syringe, the syringe comprising a barrel into which liquid is charged,

~~wherein the gasket is made integrally of a material with JIS hardness of 55 to 60,~~
and

~~wherein a surface of the gasket that is in contact with the liquid is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin, and wherein a peripheral side surface of the gasket that is in~~
~~contacts with an inner surface of the syringe barrel is provided with a restriction, and~~
wherein the peripheral side surface that contacts the inner surface of the syringe barrel is
laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin, and wherein the restriction is not laminated,
and wherein a periphery of a bottom surface of the gasket that is not ~~for in~~ contact with the liquid is formed into a first tapered slant, and a second tapered slant is formed between the peripheral side surface of the gasket that ~~is in~~ contacts with the an inner surface of the syringe barrel and the restriction.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The gasket according to claims 1 ~~or 9~~, wherein the gasket tightly closes the liquid charged into the syringe, and wherein the liquid is a contrast medium.

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Claim 11 (currently amended): The gasket according to claims 1, ~~or 9~~ wherein the pre-filled syringe further comprises a luer lock portion formed in a nozzle of the syringe at an end of the syringe barrel opposite the gasket.

Claim 12 (new): The gasket according to claim 9, wherein the gasket tightly closes the liquid charged into the syringe, and wherein the liquid is a contrast medium.

Claim 13 (new): The gasket according to claim 9, wherein the pre-filled syringe further comprises a luer lock portion formed in a nozzle of the syringe at an end of the syringe barrel opposite the gasket.

Claim 14 (new): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket is made integrally of a material with JIS hardness of 55 to 60.

Claim 15 (new): The gasket according to claim 9, wherein the gasket is made integrally of a material with JIS hardness of 55 to 60.

Claim 16 (new): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein a bottom surface of the gasket that is for contact with the liquid is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin.

Claim 17 (new): The gasket according to claim 9, wherein a bottom surface of the gasket that is for contact with the liquid is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin.